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SUBJ: REPORTS U.S. TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO KUALA LUMPUR

AFTER ASEAN SUMMIT

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 3108 (NOTAL)

1. REPORT IN REFTEL THAT THAI DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER, GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN, SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ASEAN MEMBERS AFTER ASEAN SUMMIT IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. HOWEVER, PRESS REPORT HAS PUT THIS MATTER IN MORE SHARPLY-DEFINED TERMS THAN KRIANGSAK USED. TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY USIS OF RELEVANT PORTION OF KRINGSAK'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF MAY 16 AS FOLLOWS:

2. QTE (KRIANGSAK)...THE U.S. IS WILLING TO COME AND HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN IN THE FUTURE. IT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE GLAD TO COME AND HOLD CONSULTATIONS. I DON'T KNOW
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WHETHER JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE YET EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO COME AND HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN, IN ORDER TO COOPERATE WITH US IN THE FUTURE.

3. QTE (REPORTER)... DOES THAT MEAN IT WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND?

4. QTE (KRIANGSAK)...AFTER THE ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING OF ITS SEVEN MEMBER NATIONS (SIC) HAS BEEN HELD, THE U.S. WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE PART IN CONSULTATIONS HELD. THIS STATEMENT COMES FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND WAS MADE BY MR. HOLBROOKE.

5. QTE (REPORTER)... WILL IT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE SAME SESSION IN WHICH PRIME MINISTERS OF THREE MEMBER NATIONS WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH THE RUSSIAN BLOC?

6. QTE (KRIANGSAK)...AS FAR AS WE HAVE ANNOUNCED ALREADY, AFTER THE ASEAN MEETING IS OVER, TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE END OF THE MEETING. AS FAR AS I HAVE HEARD, AND FROM OBSERVATIONS I HAVE MADE, THE U.S. IS READY TO SUPPORT REGIONAL COOPERATION IN PROJECTS PLANNED BY ASEAN AND WHICH ARE ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED. I UNDERSTAND THIS TO MEAN THAT SHOULD VIETNAM, OR LAOS, OR CAMBODIA, OR BURMA, JOIN AND BECOME MEMBERS OF ASEAN, OR SHOULD THEY ESTABLISH AN ASSOCIATION OF THEIR OWN WITH CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO ASEAN, FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND QUITE IN THIS REGION, THE U.S. WOULD BE READY TO SUPPORT SUCH A PLAN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I HAVE SAID?

7. QTE (REPORTER)...COULD THE MEKONG DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BE USED AS AN EXAMPLE?

8. QTE (KRIANGSAK)...NO. ASEAN HAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS AND OBJECTIVES. IT IS COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER NATIONS TO MAINTAIN PEACE, QUIET AND HAPPINESS IN THIS REGION.

9. QTE (REPORTER)...DOES THAT MEAN THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE
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OF THE ASEAN SPIRIT?

10. QTE (KRIANGSAK)...YES, THE SPIRIT OF ASEAN. THAT IS MY INTERPRETATION OF AMERICA'S ATTITUDE. END QTE.
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